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Summer Activities

The seasons are quickly moving on, and summer is behind us with the school year well on its way for most of the young ones. Summer is always a good time to rest the mind and exercise body and soul. This summer, many camps gathered boys or girls in tents or around the fire pit. Camp leaders led them in adventures, healthy camaraderie, imaginative themes, games, and prayer. It is a way to help them grow out of the virtual network of modernity and plunge them back into reality, into the world of creation and of Revelation.

Along with the camp activities, many parishes organized picnics and festivities, connected perhaps with some uplifting parish event, like confirmations

performed by a bishop or the blessing of a building. Not to forget the many pilgrimages which added a touch of reparation to the devout souls eager to reach a well-known shrine. These days of walking represent a faint image of our life-long pilgrimage to Heaven.

No doubt, many more activities have taken place in this past summer in various locations throughout the country. However, here is a little window into the lives of some happy faces in the hot summer days—from both well-known and rural parishes, like Green Bay, Wisconsin and El Paso, Texas, or the scenic parishes of Washington DC and even Honolulu, Hawaii. Behold a faint representation of the universality of the Catholic Church.

Letter from the District Superior



Dear Friends,

Back to school. Back to the grind. Summer is over and we are getting on with the autumn season and quickly moving towards a new year. Days pass and seasons move on; the years are spent and we often ask ourselves how we are faring in our daily duties—with our family responsibilities and with our own soul.

The pessimist will be quick to see that little progress has been made in the last year or even years. The optimist, on the other side of the spectrum, will be quick to see that things have not terribly regressed and that “we’re still heading in the right direction.” Yes, progress in most areas is inconspicuous, whereas regression and falls are usually quite noticeable. The oak tree grows so slowly that it will take a lifetime to see that it slowly acquired its optimum root system and majestic size. What is true of natural life is true of the supernatural life as well as. Unseen as it is, this invisible growth is yet the bread and butter, the quintessence of life, without which the strength of soul and body is not worth much.

Parents often pray that their younger children and teenagers may grow in health of body and mind. Their constant care is often met with daily challenges from their loved ones as they go through the maturing process. Teachers and religious often feel the same way when confronted with minds and wills which are reluctant to absorb the most needed diet before they face the world’s challenges.

It seems more glorious to go out fighting and throwing ourselves forcefully and glamorously into the fray. Yet, all that glitters is not gold. And, although daring heroism is more visible, the hidden path is not less heroic. It takes much strength and valor to face failures, sickness, and disappointment. There is nothing like trials to test our mettle, nothing like stressful times to show our true friends. And so, as we go on in life, through yet another academic year—as we set our face to meet the next battles, we need to pray to God and His Holy Mother for these discreet virtues of perseverance, of longanimity, of equanimity—so much the more precious as they are more hidden.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jürgen Wegner".

Fr. Jürgen Wegner

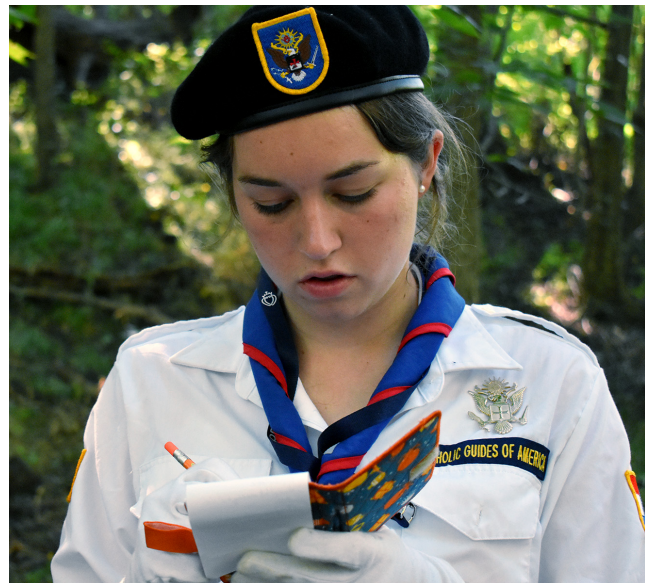


Catholic Scouting

A band of Catholic girl guides paused by a fence bordering the Nambe Wilderness in New Mexico and carefully compared compasses before beginning a climb that would take them nearly 9,000 feet above sea level. They were setting out on their Raid, a challenge given to an aspirant before she can make her promise as a guide. Seven girls—the SSPX’s first American platoon—sang as they faced altitude sickness, late June mountain snow, and a rigorous hike. At the summit of the hike, they ate squished peanut butter sandwiches with delight on the shores of the beautiful Nambe Lake. Then, each girl spent quiet time alone meditating on the Law and Principles of Catholic scouting as she prepared for her promise. “A guide exercises great self-control; she smiles and sings in all hardships...exists to serve and save her neighbor...sees God’s hand in creation...labors to bring about the reign of Christ in her whole life and in the world around her...”

In 1918, Fr. Jacques Sevin SJ. founded the first company of Catholic girl guides under the patronage of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus. Deeply devoted to St. Therese, he saw a connection between her simple and joyful spirituality and the scouting spirit. As a Jesuit, Sevin also infused the Ignatian spirit of militant discipline into his scouts, both boys and girls.

Before Fr. Sevin, the British General Lord Baden Powell had invented scouting shortly after his successful defense of the South African town, Mafeking, during the Boer War. He wanted to give all youths the



chance at heroism and excellence that he had seen in some courageous boys during the siege, and to encourage his many young fans that what they saw as “heroism” in him was achievable by anyone willing to serve his neighbor.

While Powell’s scouting ideal was rooted in natural virtue, it was not until Fr. Sevin adapted his laws and principles to be explicitly Catholic that scouting began to flourish in the Church. While religious denominations all over the world were adopting Powell’s methods, the old General declared later in life that it was Fr. Sevin’s Catholic scouts who most

exemplified his vision. Today, the SSPX claims many companies both of boys and girls, whose spirit is one of joyful service, outdoor adventure, and personal friendship with Christ, “the first guide, the first pathfinder...the first scout.”

While today’s secular girl scout might be an expert hiker, able to adventure into the wilderness and prove her strength and endurance, the Catholic guide’s adventures are not only exciting, but also spiritually fruitful. Her time in the wilderness is enriched by the fact that the world around her is, as Gerard Manley Hopkins said, “charged with the grandeur of God.” Far from the comfort and security of an air-conditioned bedroom, she touches a real world: one in which she can feel the heat of summer and the cold of winter, and know the relief of a bed on the hard ground after a full day, wash her hands in a stream, and see undimmed stars carpeting the night sky. While she has taken on the camper’s poverty, everything around her speaks of God’s richness. It is a world in which she must tread reverently and travel lightly, as she is only a visitor who will pack her bags at the end of camp just as she will at the end of her life: “Just as our tents fold up lightly...when time to depart draws nigh, so preserve us, fragile mortals, ever ready to die” (Fr. Sevin, *Guide’s Prayer to Our Lady*).

Most importantly, the spirit of scouting according to Fr. Sevin is one of generous service. Imitating Christ, the guide must train herself to be cheerful in hard conditions and to readily put her companions’

needs before her own. The challenges of the summer camp are never faced alone; the guide is “a sister to every other guide.” This means that within her small patrol, she must learn first to obey, and then gradually over time to lead the others, always remembering that a leader is first a servant and protector.

For America’s first platoon of Catholic guides, hiking, camping under the stars, and cooking a three-course meal on a backpacking stove were only a few of the week’s adventures. During their exploration of historic Santa Fe, the girls proudly explained to curious new friends that they were not girl scouts; they did not sell cookies! They were Catholic Guides of America, and though their summer camp activities resembled any adventurous scout’s, the difference was essential: it was a question of Faith! While preparing to make her promise as a guide, a girl prepares for a lifelong commitment to serve God and neighbor in the spirit of St. Ignatius’ prayer:

*Lord Jesus...teach us to be generous,
To serve Thee as Thou deservest,
To give without counting the cost,
To fight without heeding the wounds,
To labor without seeking rest,
To spend ourselves without seeking a reward,
Save that alone of knowing that we do
Thy holy Will!*

—Guide’s Prayer to Our Lord



A Kateri, or junior guide, completes one of her first challenges: earning her neckerchief! She is now a novice in the scouts.



A new junior guide gives the salute after her solemn promise ceremony.



The leader claims her clan's award for winning the cooking competition: a carved wooden spoon to use on future camps!



In New Mexico, camp chaplain Fr. Bergez prepares the Guides for compass-guided scavenger hunt, training them in navigation skills.



During the week of August 18, 25 women from the Minnesota parishes and as far away as Illinois and New Mexico attended a 5-day Ignatian retreat preached by some of the priests of the Browerville, MN priory. The retreat was held at the Christ the King retreat center operated by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, on beautiful Buffalo Lake, Minnesota.



Young parishioners from Jesus and Mary Church in El Paso, TX crowned Our Lady during the month of May.



An all-boy First Communion class poses with Fr. Ward after receiving the sacrament at Holy Angels Novitiate in Winona, MN.



Family Sports Night at St. Joseph's Church in Armada, MI is a tradition dating back to the 1990s. Parish families gather each Wednesday evening throughout the summer for baseball, volleyball, conversation, and of course, pizza!



On August 8, Feast of St. John Vianney, members of the SSPX Third Order in Browerville and Long Prairie, MN gathered at St. John Vianney Priory for the annual renewal of the enthronement and consecration of priory, novitiate, and Third Order members to the Sacred Heart. Fr. Jacques Emily, prior, presided. Following the renewal, priests and faithful enjoyed a barbecue and a lively evening of conversation.



Bishop Bernard Fellay administered the sacrament of Confirmation to the faithful of Our Lady of Lourdes in Honolulu, HI on Our Lady's great feast day: August 15.





A Rousing Cry Against the Errors of the French Revolution

On Sunday, August 11, the parishioners of St. John Vianney parish in Long Prairie, MN celebrated the solemnity of their patron with festivity and merriment.

The day began with a sung Mass, during which Fr. James Trummer, pastor and principal of SJV Parish and Academy, preached a rousing call to arms against the errors of the French Revolution that have morphed and spread throughout the Church as a result of the Second Vatican Council.

Father drew parallels between the permeation of errors into the mindset of Catholics born during the French Revolution and the like situation of Catholics born following the Second Vatican Council. He called the faithful to educate themselves in order to better perceive and fight the spirit of the French Revolution within the Church and within their social and political environment. Finally, Father concluded that all must hold fast to the Faith of Tradition, no matter the cost, and pass it on by word and example to the next generation, just as the faithful French held fast during the period following the Revolution.

After Mass, the faithful gathered outside for a potluck dinner and some good old-fashioned fun. The annual parish picnic doubled as a social and a fundraiser. Winners were drawn for the parish raffle and children eagerly lined up to buy a chance to drop their friends and siblings in the dunk tank (a welcome reprieve as it was quite warm out).



Our Lady of Good Success Academy in De Pere, WI opened this year on the feast of St. Pius X, September 3rd. Fr. Stephen McDonald was in town at the time and offered Mass and gave a spiritual talk to the children for the opening day.



Parish teens in Armada, MI joined forces to help the priests at St. Joseph's with landscaping and beautifying the priory shed.



St. Pius X Mission in Washington, DC purchased a piece of property this summer and were blessed to have their first Mass at the new chapel on September 1.





Julie Kallal, twin sister of Fr. Peter Kallal, received her habit in the Dominican Order in Fanjeaux, France on the feast of the Visitation July 2, 2019. She is now Sr. Paul Marie. Sr. Paul Marie attended grade school at Queen of the Holy Rosary Academy in St. Louis, MO and St. Joseph Academy in Armada, Michigan for high school before earning a bachelors degree in nursing.

Upcoming Retreats

Men:

Nov 18-23	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Nov 18-23	Ignatian	BVM / Ridgefield, CT
Dec 9-14	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Dec 18-21	3-Day Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA

Women:

Oct 14-19	Ignatian	BVM / Ridgefield, CT
Oct 21-26	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Dec 4-7	3-Day Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA

Mixed:

Oct 23-26, 2019 3.5 Day Matrimony Phoenix, AZ

Dates subject to change. For more information please contact:
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Eucharistic Crusade

Monthly Intentions

October:

For devotion to the Most Holy Virgin

O Mary, Mystical Rose, whose loving heart, burning with the living fire of charity, accepted us for thy children at the foot of the Cross, whereby thou didst become our most tender Mother, make me feel the sweetness of thy maternal heart that so my heart, united with thine own, may love Jesus now and throughout all ages.

November:

For the Souls in Purgatory and the Dying

My God, I offer Thee all the Masses which are being celebrated today throughout the whole world, for sinners who are in their agony and who are to die this day. May the Precious Blood of Jesus, their Redeemer, obtain mercy for them. Amen.



International Pilgrimages

In the Footsteps of St. Teresa of Avila

March 23 - April 3, 2020

This 12-day pilgrimage takes you back in time as you visit sites related to St. Teresa and the convents she founded. Visit Avila, Salamanca, Alba de Tormes, Valladolid, Medina del Campo, Segovia, Toledo, Granada, Seville, and more. Also render homage to Our Lady of Hope at the Basilica of the Macarena in Seville, Our Lady of La Vega in Salamanca, St. John of the Cross, the Catholic monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella, St. John of Sahagun, and St. Thomas of Villanueva.

Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land— Walking from Nazareth to Galilee

June 15-26, 2020

Next year, the annual Youth Pilgrimage will make an unprecedented journey to the Holy Land, to walk in the footsteps of Our Lord. Visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Magdala, Ein Karem, Bethany, and much more. Walk for three days along the path that Our Lord would have walked from Nazareth to Galilee. For youth between 18 and 35 years of age. Accompanied by Fr. Patrick Rutledge.

Pilgrimage to France to Honor the Vendée Martyrs

July, 2020

Join Fr. Marc Vernoy and Fr. Pierre Duverger on a pilgrimage to France to celebrate their 25th jubilee. Travel to the Vendée region of France to learn about and venerate the martyrs of the French Revolution. Enjoy two full days at Puy du Fou, a magnificent theme park that vividly portrays the Catholic history of France. Visit sites related to the Vendée martyrs, and also visit Paris, Lourdes, Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, and Pibrac. Render homage to St. Louis de Montfort, St. Genevieve, St. Bernadette, St. Peter Julian Eymard, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Catherine Labouré, St. Germaine, and many more.

SSPX 50th Anniversary Lourdes Celebration Pilgrimage Southern France Marian Shrines and First Christians.

October 16-27, 2020

Travel from Lyon to Lourdes giving thanks to God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints for these remarkable 50 years of preservation of Catholicism. Attend the SSPX 50th anniversary celebrations in Lourdes with faithful from around the world. Also visit La Salette, Laus, Lourdes and sites related to St. Mary Magdalene, St. Martha, St. Lazarus, St. Maximin, St. Anne, St. Margaret Mary of Alococque, St. Claude de la Colombiere, St. John Vianney, St. Irenaeus, St. Bernadette, and many others.

SSPX 50th Anniversary Lourdes Celebration Pilgrimages Lourdes and Rome.

October 22-November 2, 2020

What better place to go after thanking Our Lady in Lourdes than Rome? After attending the SSPX 50th anniversary celebrations in Lourdes, spend six days in Rome visiting the main shrines of Christianity and giving thanks for being part of the restoration of the Catholic Church. Visit the main basilicas, miraculous images, sites of the first martyrs, the patron saints of the city, and many others. Enjoy free afternoons to explore the sites of your preference.

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Angelus Press Conference

Theme: Defense of the Family: Fortifying Catholic Marriage

October 4-6, 2019

Join us at the Hilton Airport Hotel in Kansas City, MO, for a series of conferences with guest speaker Bishop Bernard Fellay. For more information and to register, visit angeluspress.org/pages/conferences.

Confirmation Schedule 2019

Chapel	Date	Bishop
Ridgefield, CT	Dec 8	Fellay
De Pere, WI	Dec 15	Fellay